

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 132, line 18 and ending on page 133, line 4, as follows:

It can be understood from Table 7 that the guide number G_{no} increases while the $T_{fire}(zoom)$ decreases as the zoom position moves away, i.e., as the focal length increases. According to the operation at step S700, since the uniform flash-emission level V_{fp} is inversely proportional to the value of the ~~$T_{fire}(zoom)$~~ G_{no} , the uniform flash-emission level V_{fp} decreases as the zoom position moves away. Consequently, the illuminance with respect to the object at a specified distance becomes constant regardless of a variation of the zoom position, i.e., the effective guide number becomes constant if the distances between flash devices in use to the object are all the same.